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## Abandoned kittens need help, homes

By EMILY MOORE  
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**T**. Russel Reitz Animal Shelter in Manhattan has seen a recent influx in kittens being brought to the shelter. Due to this unexpected overflow, the shelter is accepting any and all donations for supplies to help for their care. The donations are critical to caring for these kittens.

"We are run by the city, but the city pays for staff and for the building but otherwise everything is from donations," Sarina Irwin, animal shelter technician, said. "So, if people don't bring in donations, we may not have anything for the babies."

The shelter needs several things, including bedding, toys, cat food and cleaning supplies. The bedding can include sheets, pillow cases or even carpet squares.

"Food helps the kittens get weened off of Mom, the toys help enrich the kittens and let them play in their kennels and the beds give them a place to crash after all that playing and eating they just did," Irwin said.

Although there are a couple dozen kittens at the T. Russel Reitz Animal Shelter, only two are currently available for adoption, the other won't be ready to leave the shelter for another couple of days.

This kitten overflow is not only an issue because of the shortage of supplies, it also means many more kittens need to be adopted from the shelter.

Volunteers like Sarah Falcon, junior in digital journalism, enjoy working with the kittens but said they see the need for adoption.

"For one, (so many kittens) makes you feel really overwhelmed," Falcon said. "On the other side, it's just an overflow of cute."

This kind of influx of kittens is unusual for the shelter at this time of year. According to Irwin, normal months for getting a lot of kittens are typically March, April and May.

A cold and wet spring caused a late mating and birthing season, meaning that the T. Russel Reitz Animal Shelter has an unusual number of kittens for this time of year.

"It was such a cold and wet spring and even summer, and now we are now having such a late (birthing) season," Irwin said. "We would normally be getting into our non-busy season, but not with all these babies."

An additional contributor to the extra kittens has to do with cats not being properly spayed and neutered. This leads to accidental litters and abandoned kittens. Fixing problems like these could help avoid these problems in the future.

"We wish people would spay and neuter their cats, then we wouldn't be having this problem," Irwin said. "That's what we would really like to see."

However, the shelter is caring for all of these drop offs with the end goal being adoption. According to the T. Russel Reitz portion of the City of Manhattan website, the shelter is open all days of the week except Wednesday from 1-5:30 p.m.

"I'm just really determined to get them adopted," Falcon said.

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## Secretary of state candidate encourages student voters

By BRIDGET BERAN  
THE COLLEGIAN

In light of the recent voter registration law, there has been a new surge of effort to mobilize students to get to the polls. The Secure and Fair Elections Act states that voters wishing to register in the state of Kansas must present proof of citizenship along with photo identification.

While other documentation is acceptable, a birth certificate is the most common. For some students, this documentation may not be on hand.

For Democratic Kansas secretary of state candidate Jean Schodorf, students' right to vote is a top

priority.

"I'm on this statewide voter registration tour to encourage college students to become lifelong voters," Schodorf said. "The reason is the current voting law has disenfranchised certain groups of people. Usually, college students do not have a birth certificate on campus to be able to show and register to vote."

Schodorf traveled to colleges across the state participating in voter registration drives to help students through the process of registering to vote, encouraging them to become involved in local and state politics. Schodorf visited K-State's campus last Wednesday evening. While typically young voters are more inclined to vote democrat, Schodorf said that had little to no impact on her desire to lead the voter registration drive.

"I come from a non-partisan background and I believe that it is every citizen's responsibility and right to vote," Schodorf said. "On this trip, on campuses, I have not been coming as a candidate. I've not said 'vote for me' or anything like that. I think a secretary of state needs to be fair and impartial and non-partisan. The goal here is just to increase voter registration. And this is a way to show what I will do as secretary of state."

Student voter mobilization is also a top priority for the Student Governing Association. On Tuesday, SGA partnered with Manhattan Good Neighbors and the League of Women Voters to host a voter registration drive. SGA also plans to hold another voter registration drive Sept. 29-30 and again on Oct. 1. Student

Sen. Asher Gilliland, junior in business administration, led the movement to help mobilize the student body and encourage them to make their voices heard at the polls.

The development of the new voter registration law was headed by the current secretary of state, Kris Kobach. Intended to help ensure that voting was done legally and protect honest elections, the changes have made headaches for some students.

"Registering to vote was just such a hassle," Jessica Jackson, junior in finance, said. "I didn't care that much to begin with and I'm not informed enough to really be making decisions, so I didn't waste my time."

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## Local, state talking points

By KELSEY KENDALL  
THE COLLEGIAN

### Cool end to summer does not mean early winter

Mary Knapp, K-State service climatologist, said the recent cooler temperatures do not necessarily foreshadow a harsher or early winter, according to a Little Apple Post article.

Atlantic oscillations, such as the North Atlantic and the Atlantic Inter-tropical Convergence Zone oscillations and El Niño, are responsible for many of the Earth's weather variability, according to NASA's Earth Observatory. Knapp said the probability of an El Niño forming has decreased recently, but it could still occur. If it does, it has the potential to change weather patterns for the southern plains this winter.

The early cold this season has damaged some crops, which likely will not recover, with exceptions being corn and alfalfa.

### New members elected to KSU Foundation board of directors, board of trustees

The Kansas State University Foundation board of trustees' annual meeting included newly elected members on Friday. According to K-State Today, the total number of trustees on the board is 326 with the following 12 new members: Rick and Barbara Johnson of Abilene, Kansas; Jim Allen Jr. of Auburn, Kansas; Terry and Val Kershner and Charles Rankin of Manhattan, Kansas; Candy Duncan of Bethesda, Maryland; Greg and Doris Wright Carroll of Kansas City, Missouri; Rod and Charlene Lake of Dallas, Texas; and Kent McKinney of Kerrville, Texas. These new board members will work to advance K-State philanthropy organizations.

At the meeting, Dave Everitt, of Marco Island, Florida was elected to a one-year term to the board of directors. Everitt graduated from K-State with a degree in industrial engineering in 1975.

### State Drug Take-Back Day

According to WIBW News, Kansas law enforcement are collecting unused leftover medications for safe disposal on Saturday. This is a semi-annual event that has collected more than 28 tons of medications in Kansas since 2010. Nationally, Drug Take-Back Day is coordinated by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration in order to safely destroy unused medications.

The purpose of this event is to prevent the misuse of drugs and to help protect kids, pets and the environment from the dangerous effects of medication.

There will be a dump site open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Junction City Police Department's lobby, according to the Office of Diversion Control.

### Horticulture faculty awarded inaugural innovative teaching award grants

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities awarded two of nine Innovative Teaching Award Grants to K-State faculty members, according to K-State Today. Chad Miller, assistant professor of horticulture, forestry and recreation, and Kim Williams, professor of horticulture, forestry and recreation, are the recipients of the awards.

The awards go towards accomplishing three goals: to enhance faculty scholarship through innovative teaching and learning experiences for students; to encourage collaborative efforts in food, agriculture and natural sciences with other institutions; and to provide a starting point for future grant proposals.

Miller intends to work with Iowa State University to develop course and lab curriculum to help students understand plant propagation and subsequent greenhouse plant production of native prairie plants. Information gathered in these studies will be shared between K-State and Iowa State.

Williams will work with Oklahoma State University to develop a in-depth and multi-week experience to graduate-level flowering physiology courses, focusing on crop productions in high tunnels. This will be done through interactions with students across the country working through AG\*IDEA and ACCEPTS distance learning consortiums.

### INSIDE



**4** Average container of pepper spray is now a thing of the past



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Monday, Sept. 22

**Jess Wade Mitchell**, of 3000 Tuttle Creek Boulevard, Lot 589, was booked for battery, aggravated battery and criminal

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Glad to see The Collegian filled less with sports and more with college #careerfair

Be nice to your waiters. They are human, too!

Be careful buying stuff online. You can get carried away buying struggle and end up spending more money on baseball cards than on tuition. (True story.)

Tip of the day: don't whistle at your cats. They will think you are prey and will try to attack.

So you're saying the seats in Cardwell 101 were good before? Uh ... sure.

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## Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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## Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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# K-State ready to turn page after Auburn loss

By TATE STEINLAGE  
THE COLLEGIAN

Playing on a Thursday gives a team an extra nine days to sit and mull over the result.

When coming out with a victory, it obviously goes much better. For K-State, which essentially left 16 points on the field in a 20-14 loss to No. 5 Auburn, it has made bouncing back just a little bit tougher.

"I think based on yesterday's practice, I thought it (morale) was positive," head coach Bill Snyder said Tuesday at his weekly press conference. "I thought they regained some spirit and some determination. I wouldn't say the same thing about Saturday. We practiced Saturday and I wasn't enamored by the way many of the youngsters practiced. But we had a heart-to-heart and I think they overcame that, seemingly at least. That's true of as of yesterday, we're working on today."

Three turnovers and three missed field goals were the difference Thursday in a neck-and-neck ballgame. If not for those missed opportunities, K-State would likely be 3-0 and ranked somewhere between No. 10-20 in both the AP and USA Today polls.

However, looking at the "what if's" provides little value for the Wildcats.

K-State, now 2-1, ranked No. 25 in both polls and is preparing for its last nonconference game before Texas Tech rolls into Manhattan on Oct. 4 to kick the conference slate into high gear.



Senior linebacker **Jonathan Truman** rushes after the ball while his teammate tackles an opposing player on Aug. 30 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

"Saturday was kind of tough, obviously," senior quarterback Jake Waters said. "Now we're over Auburn. It was definitely a big game, but we're over it and we know we have a lot of season left and a lot of great opportunities to prove ourselves and get better to win some quality football games. When you go that approach, it's not hard to get up for practice and get ready."

Turning the page and putting the Auburn game behind them will be important if the Wildcats wish to avoid back-to-back home losses for just the second time in four years.

"You have to have it behind you and be reengaged in the upcoming opponent," Snyder said. "UTEP has the capacity to be a fine football team. They're an aggressive football team, they fly around

and play hard. Those kind of teams can always create issues for you, so if we're emotionally caught off due to a variety of different things, we'll get knocked on our backside."

Addressing mistakes will be key for the Wildcats, who held Auburn to a season-low 128 yards rushing but only ran for 40 yards themselves. Against Stephen F. Austin and Iowa State, penalties

were the Achilles' heel for the Wildcats, but on Thursday it was giving the ball to the other team.

"Well, it was a step forward," Snyder said when asked about limiting penalties against Auburn. "Along with no penalties comes no turnovers, and we turned the ball over, so I was not too pleased about that. I do like the discipline. It's easier, in all reality, playing at home than it is on the road. That could be an excuse as well. We need — all the time, whether it be home or away — we need to do exactly that. It gives you a better chance."

K-State players have taken the challenge to heart.

"Just correcting the mistakes we've made and focusing on UTEP," sophomore running back Charles Jones pointed to as team goals for the week. "It's just a mindset thing, and Coach Snyder has prepared us well to do that during the season. We're really anxious because even though we fell short last Thursday, we gave really good effort. So we're really foaming at the mouth to play again."

Tuesday was likely the last time K-State players will answer questions directly related to Auburn. With nine games remaining and plenty to play for, K-State has a plethora of reasons to not hang their heads over one loss.

"It would have been great to win and it's cool to have that game, it was an awesome experience for everyone," Waters said. "But now this is our next biggest game — UTEP — and then going into conference play is huge, so we need to start taking steps to get back on track."

## Recent action from club sports

### Baseball:

**Saturday, Sept. 20:** 2014 Cap Timm Classic in Ames, Iowa; finished 1-3, placed fourth

Iowa St. 7, K-State 2

Illinois St. 8, K-State 0

K-State 6, Wisconsin Whitewater 5

Illinois St. 11, K-State 4

### Men's soccer:

**Saturday, Sept. 20:** vs. Wichita State

1-1 draw, goal scored by Corey Hammond

**Sunday, Sept. 21:** at Kansas

1-0 win, goal scored by Jonny Danielson

### Water ski:

The team competed in the Great Plains Conference Championships in Wilmington, Illinois and finished in seventh. Because of their finish, they qualified for the Midwest Regional Championship, which will be held in Decatur, Illinois this upcoming weekend.

### Rodeo:

**Sept. 19-21:** Central Plains Regional Rodeo in Cherokee, Oklahoma

### Women's rugby:

**Saturday, Sept. 20:** vs. Kansas

K-State won 47-0

## Upcoming events for club sports

### Skydiving/Parachute:

**Sept. 26-28:** 50th Anniversary Boogie in Abilene, Kansas

There are special group discounts for tandem skydiving all weekend. You can find more info at: <http://www.skydivekstate.com/>

### Inline hockey:

**Sept. 27-28:** tournament in Lakewood, Colorado.

The team will play 3-5 games with Denver-area colleges for preseason tournament.

### Women's soccer:

**Sept. 26-28:** at University of Colorado, in Boulder, Colorado

### Men's soccer:

**Sunday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m.:** vs. Creighton at Memorial Stadium

### Men's lacrosse:

**Saturday, Sept. 27:** at Missouri Valley (Fall Brawl), in Marshall, Missouri

### Softball:

**Sunday, Sept. 28:** Kansas Wesleyan Tournament, in Salina

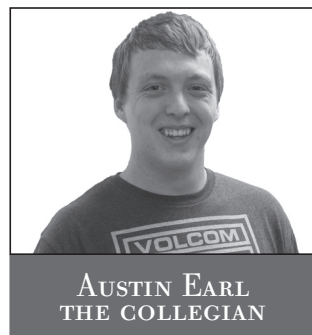
### Women's rugby:

**Saturday, Sept. 27:** vs. St. Louis Sabres, in St. Louis

### Men's rugby:

**Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1:30 p.m.:** vs. Oklahoma State at Memorial Stadium

## Oklahoma has proven their worth, Texas flirts with irrelevance



AUSTIN EARL  
THE COLLEGIAN

Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops made the Sooners into a national powerhouse in the 2000s. Now, in 2014, he has a team that could win him a second national championship.

Stoops has been no stranger to winning in Norman, Oklahoma. In his 15-year tenure at the school, he has only three seasons in which his team did not win 10 or more games. In just his second year with the program, he won a national championship.

It's no surprise that the Sooners are a top team this season — 47 of the 56 participating media members picked them to win the Big 12 before the season started. They were last year's conference champion, too.

The team had plenty of question marks coming into the season, but they have been answered so far.

Sophomore quarterback Trevor Knight has not been incredible, but he has been more than good enough to get the job done. Freshman Samaje Perine ran for 242 yards and four touchdowns in his first conference game at West Virginia last Saturday.

The defense has allowed only 16.5 points per game. Trophies aren't won in September, but the Sooners have

played impressive football thus far. They beat SEC team Tennessee by 24 then went on the road and beat West Virginia in a very hostile environment. There's nothing more to be asked from them.

The future schedule sets up well for Oklahoma. The three ranked teams that they have left on their schedule will all travel to Norman, where the Sooners have only lost five times in the Stoops era.

Oklahoma is a dangerous team who has the talent to make it to the inaugural College Football Playoff. Three-hundred and sixty-nine miles down the road across the Red River, Texas is already in trouble.

Head coach Charlie Strong's first year has been a struggle. The Longhorns were picked to finish fourth in the conference and dominated defensively in their first game against North Texas. The bad news began shortly after the game was over and hasn't stopped yet.

Texas' starting quarterback David Ash sustained a concussion in the game that led to him to quit playing football. To add insult to injury, BYU scored 41 points to beat the Longhorns the next week.

On Tuesday, Strong dismissed starting right tackle Kennedy Estelle and has now kicked nine players out of the program since his arrival at the school.

Texas now enters its fourth game of the season with just one victory. If the tides don't change in Austin, Texas, Strong could start to lose the confidence of his players.

Former coach Mack Brown had a different personality than Strong and recruited

most of the players that are currently in the Longhorns' locker room.

Of course, the damage that has been done so far could be reversed in just three weeks. After paying a visit to Kansas this weekend, Texas plays the best two teams in the Big 12 in Oklahoma and Baylor. They will host Baylor and travel to Dallas to renew the Red River Rivalry.

With a win in all three games, everyone would forget about the turmoil that the team has faced so far. On the contrary, it's feasible that the team will drop to 2-4 after this three-game stretch.

Strong's team will most likely take care of business in Lawrence, based on the talent level of the two teams. Unless Texas drastically changes course, the two games against top-10 opponents will result in a loss.

The Longhorns will be two losses away from being eliminated from bowl consideration if they end week eight at 2-4. That makes them pretty close to being irrelevant—something that the program has been on the brink of since 2010. The program hasn't won more than 10 games since 2009, after having nine seasons with double digit wins.

Strong has the ability to write his own legacy at Texas. It will be clear after a couple of seasons whether he was the captain who saved a sinking ship or if he was just a failed experiment.

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## Stylish cosmetics, accessories enable women to fight back

By EMILY DYE  
THE COLLEGIAN

Fashion and beauty styles empower individuals to express themselves in fun, unique ways. However, they can also be used as important tools in protecting women against violence.

The topic of rape has been a reoccurring discussion on college campuses nationwide. Recently, the state of Kansas experienced some negative publicity after K-State and the University of Kansas (along with 74 other universities) were put under federal investigation for how they handle sexual assault cases, according to the Huffington Post.

The incident on Kansas' campus has stirred up many questions on how women can be better prepared to protect themselves in threatening situations. As a result, companies have come out with products for women who are looking for discreet safety items to have on hand.

### Safety in cosmetics

Undercover Colors, a new company created by four engineering students from North Carolina State University, are working on a nail polish that has the ability to detect date rape drugs such as Rohypnol, Xanax and gamma-Hydroxybutyric acid. The line of nail polish changes colors when it comes into contact with certain drugs, alerting the user to its presence.

The men behind the product, Tyler Confrey-Maloney, Stephen Gray, Ankesh Madan and Tasso Von Windheim, released a statement on their Facebook page describing their motivation behind the invention.

"In the U.S., 18 percent of women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime," the post said. "That's almost one out of every five women in our country... While date rape drugs are often used to facilitate sexual assault, very little science exists for their detection."



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To help women protect themselves against date rape drugs, a team of four engineers at North Carolina State University came together to invent a nail polish that changes color if it comes in contact with a drugged drink.

Though Undercover Colors nail polish is not currently for sale, other companies have already released products geared towards helping protect women. The company Women On Guard is an online retailer that has a variety of options for stylish protection. It offers a women's self-defense package that includes lipstick pepper spray, a perfume rechargeable stun gun and a hairbrush diversion safe that can hide valuable items inside of it. These items are all designed to be discreet cosmetic products that can fit inside a purse.

Jamie Crawford, freshman

in elementary education, doesn't currently own any of these products, but said she would be interested in purchasing them after learning about their discreet protection methods.

"These safety mechanisms would definitely put me at ease knowing that I have some form of self-defense when I am walking around campus at night," Crawford said. "It is great to hear that they are making these items more inconspicuous, especially with all the news releases that keep coming out about sexual abuse."

### Smartphone apps

Another safety mechanism that is becoming popular is the iOS and Android app "SafeTrek." If you are walking through campus alone, all you have to do is launch the application and hold your thumb down on the safety button. Once you feel safe, release your thumb from the safety button and type in your four-digit pin. If an emergency occurs and you no longer feel safe, release your thumb from the safety button and do not enter your four-digit pin. As a result, the local police will be called and automatically notified of your location.

Mohri Exline, sophomore

in political science, uses the application regularly.

"When I first came to college, my mom bought me the SafeTrek app and made me promise to use it," Exline said. "Surprisingly, I have used it many times and it gives me, and my mother, piece of mind."

Even male students said they believe it's important for women to have the ability to protect themselves.

"I am all for women carrying these items around in case of an emergency," Nicholas Long, freshman in chemical engineering, said. "It is sad that our society has come to the point where

these things are necessary, but I would feel much better knowing that my female friends have options to protect themselves. Especially if they have to walk around campus alone at night."

With all of these new technologies on the market, women now have a wide variety of emergency products to choose from. Thankfully, all options are tremendously more inconspicuous than the average container of black pepper spray, enabling women to better protect themselves on and off college campuses.

# IMPROVE U

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## Breaking in new shoes doesn't have to break the bank – or your feet

By SAGAN SCATES  
THE COLLEGIAN

There is a plethora of shoe styles worn by students at K-State football games: from the go-to Nike Free to the ever popular Sperry Top-Sider, game day could have its own fashion show.

About halfway through the first quarter, however, moans of feet and leg pains start to mix into the chants of school pride. Students dedicated to standing through the entire game realize that their shoes, while game day ready, seriously lack in comfort.

Shoes provide students the support they need to make it through both game and school days. It's important to look for styles that will stand the wear and tear of college life without wearing out your wallet.

### Comfort

College students spend hours standing and walking throughout the school year, so comfort is always a big factor when choosing the appropriate footwear.

"I made a stupid decision and wore flip flops on the first day of class and now I have a huge blister on the bottom of my foot," Jared Rice, junior in management and entrepreneurship, said.

Rice said he would wear the better option, his Asics Running Shoes, to class the following week.

According to Luke Byron, general manager at Tradehome Shoes in Manhattan Town Center, comfort is the most important thing to look for in a pair

of shoes.

"The best thing to do is get the right shoe for you; not necessarily what your friends wear, but what works best for your unique needs and feel," Byron said. "Some people like a really thick arch. Some people like a really soft shoe."

Byron said that a lot of the most common foot ailments can be cured by wearing shoes that fit well and give your feet the right amount of support.

### Cost

While looks and comfort matter, the price tag is often a deciding factor for college students when it comes to purchasing shoes.

"Cost comes first, because I don't have a lot of extra money," Ramsey Hundley, sophomore in milling science and management, said. "Comfort, because I don't want sore feet or a backache because of my shoes. Then style, because I'm not really a stylish person. I don't put a lot of stock into my shoes according to my outfit."

According to Byron, the standard price of a stylish shoe (that is also comfortable) would cost around \$100. However, it can be difficult for students to justify that alongside all their other expenses. Fortunately, there are other solutions on hand that don't require you to break the bank in the name of comfort.

Any shoe with a removable insole can easily be made into a comfortable shoe. Wal-Mart has shoe inserts that offer extra support and padding on sale anywhere from \$5.72 to \$49.96. Depending on the quality, amount of cushion and sup-

port, the price will vary.

"An insert will make a shoe a lot more comfortable," Byron said. "A decent insert will be around \$20 or \$30 dollars."

### Style

Although reasonably priced and comfortability are practical requirements, style can be just as important to some.

"I really like the way things look and I want it to match well," Makayla Leslie, junior in agriculture education, said. "When I'm just looking at everyday shoes or boots, I look a lot at style."

Many students buy Birkenstock sandals, because they are stylish, comfortable shoes with good arch support. Chacos are a strappy sandal that, while originally made for white water rafting, have gained popularity in the Midwest as a comfortable and supportive summer sandal perfect for the lake, camp and walking long distances.

There are also many running shoe brands known not just for comfort and support, but also for their looks such as Asics Gel-Zarcara, Brooks, Saucony Cohesion and New Balance 3010.

Finding a comfortable, stylish shoe at the right price can be tricky. However, comfortable shoes for a college student that's constantly on the go can be a very wise investment.

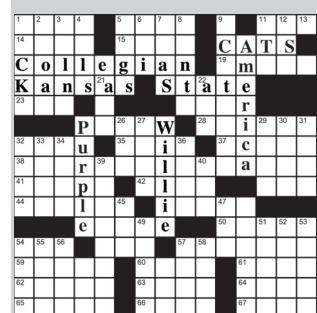
So before you leave for class, make sure your outfit is complete with a comfortable, good-looking pair of shoes. Your feet, and the rest of your body, will thank you for at the end of the day.



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Finding a comfortable, stylish pair of shoes at the right price can be tricky. When it comes to purchasing shoes, the price tag is often a deciding factor over looks and comfort for college students.

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## Taco Lucha: it's not just another taco shop



MEGAN WALDEN  
THE COLLEGIAN

Walk into Taco Lucha on a Friday night and you better be prepared to wait 30 minutes or more for a seat, even if you are willing to brave the fickle Kansas weather on the patio. The small renovated office space is now filled with Mexican wrestling masks, a bar, some booths and a patio.

When asked about motivation to open Lucha, bartender Seth Stone said, with a laugh, "It makes more money than a parking lot."

Jokes aside, the inspiration came from a visit to an outdoor taco stand in Creed, Colorado.

Owners Rob Good, Randy Buller, Julie Haynes and Jason Humes have over 100 years of combined restaurant experience between them. Four years ago, when the property next to their So Long Saloon became available, they jumped on the chance to expand. For a year they tested out their recipes to narrow down the menu before opening in November 2011. Since then, Taco Lucha has become a local favorite.

Once seated either on the patio or inside, patrons are greeted by a server in casual attire – which adds to the relaxed atmosphere. If you're wondering what to get off the menu, the creamy-sweet chipotle raspberry and black bean dip is a must. Another good option if you can't decide on a starter is the Tri-fecta, which includes guacamole, queso and fire-roasted

salsa. Both options are served with complementary chips.

As for entrees, the bulk of the menu items are the tacos. However, the burritos provide a good alternative for ambitious eaters. More health-conscious individuals have a selection of salads. I decided to mix-and-match my tacos. I admit my visit was not my first, and as a frequent Lucha guest I stuck with my favorites. For some spice I went with the buffalo chicken taco, and the black and blue taco for the filling steak.

I would not do Taco Lucha justice if I did not mention the specials. This is how the creative cooks and managers add variation to the already dynamic menu. A favorite for peanut butter lovers is the weekly Tuesday special – the peanut butter taco. According to Taco Lucha's website, the peanut butter taco consists of, "tender sirloin stuffed in a flour tortilla with peanut butter, pickle, pepper jack cheese, crumbled bacon and sriracha." Who knew, but apparently peanut butter and sriracha are a match made in taco heaven.

With all this food, a drink is necessary to quench the thirst. A favorite that bartenders and managers laughed at back in 2002 when the drink began to take wind, is the Nancy. The sweet pineapple juice and Old Milwaukee beer mixture pairs well with the salty chips and tacos. If you aren't a beer drinker, then the classic house margarita is the best way to start a fiesta.

A fiesta is what you will get when you spend time at Taco Lucha. The intimate space, lively atmosphere and friendly staff is worth the wait and is a must visit during your time Manhattan.

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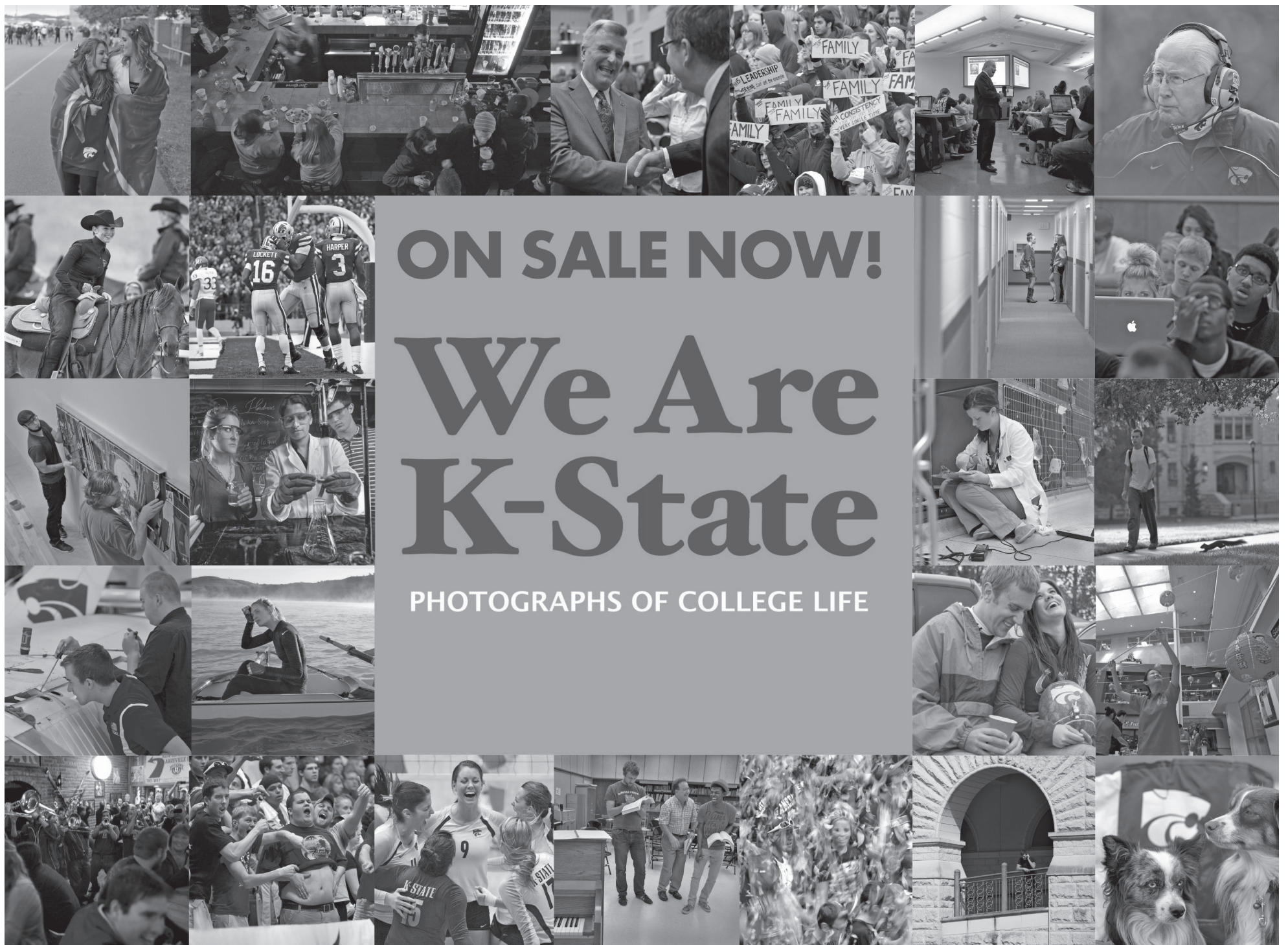
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Taco Lucha serves several kinds of tacos, plus burritos and appetizers. Pictured are Taco Lucha's Tinga taco (left) and Fish taco in front, with three El Mexicano tacos in the background.

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# Freshman still feeling stresses of college transition after first month of school

By CHLOE CREAGER  
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For many college freshman, the first month of their college career poses many challenges. Living on their own or in a dorm, figuring out how to budget their own time and money, as well as learning how to take care of themselves are just some of the challenges that these new students may face.

For Abby Basham, freshman in criminal psychology, her first semester has been a tough transition, but the support she found on campus helped her adjust.

"It was difficult living on my own and managing my time, but it was really easy to make friends and feel like I fit in somewhere, which made the transition that much easier,"

Basham said.

Even though Basham said she misses her family and the support and pride of her hometown some days, she has enjoyed her time on campus so far.

"Freshman year is so much fun already, (I've been) meeting new people, experiencing so many new things and have been challenged in all new ways," Basham said. "I've grown so independent already, but I wish I'd have come on with a better understanding on time management and the fact that I'm not going to have as much time for my social life as I thought. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds."

Kaden Littrell, freshman in business administration, said he started out having a rough time, but quickly adapted.

"The first month of college initially was hard for me, because of the fact that I hadn't

adjusted to the different lifestyle you live in college as opposed to high school," Littrell said. "However, as the month went on, it became easier and easier for me."

Despite having to deal with changes such as managing his own schedule without any help, sleeping on a twin-size bed versus a queen-size memory foam mattress and accidentally attending a class on the wrong day once, Littrell said he has had a good time.

"College has been a big transition in my life, but it has been one that I have really enjoyed," Littrell said.

For Hannah Wilborn, freshman in general engineering, the toughest aspect of the transition was being away from her family.

"I miss being able to see all of my family members often, we're all really close," Wilborn

said. "The adjustment was hard, and being away from my family and friends was hard. But as far as stress, I don't think it was too bad."

Wilborn said the responsibilities that have been the most difficult for her to keep track of are time and money.

According to the Education Resources Information Center, 68.8 percent of college freshman experience homesickness, with the female population experiencing higher rates than their male counterparts. Of these students, two-thirds of them indicated that they felt the effects of being away from their home environment for at least one week.

There are many ways to try to manage homesickness, according to the Oregon University Counseling and Testing Center.

## Make new friends

According to Oregon University, it helps to just be around other people — even if you aren't very close to them yet. The center suggests eating meals or going to activities with other students, as this will help you become comfortable and potentially develop friendships with them. It's important to remember that lasting friendships can't be rushed — it'll get stronger over time.

## Enjoy your time alone

It is beneficial to be able to spend time alone as well. According to the center, some solo activities that can be effective are exercise, personal hobbies, writing in a journal, visiting locations like museums or going to a concert, listening to music and doing volunteer work.

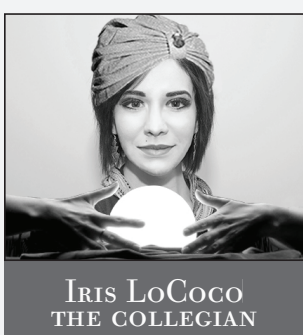
## Maintain a positive attitude

Being alone isn't always equivalent to being lonely. It's important to remember that being alone gives you time for self reflection and discovery, and that everyone will feel alone and lonely at some point in time — but that isn't permanent. The center said practicing positive inner dialogue, such as listing the people you know care about you in your head, when you are feeling negative can help.

## Take advantage of campus opportunities

Campus life is so unique, in part, due to the numerous activities and groups that can be joined. Those groups based around activities, interests and events hosted on campus, such as club sports, are all ways to keep yourself busy and entertained.

## Slightly sarcastic horoscopes from Madam LoCoco



### Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Lately you've had a love/hate relationship with your classes. You love skipping and all of your professors hate you.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

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### Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

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### Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

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### Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

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### Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

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### Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

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### Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

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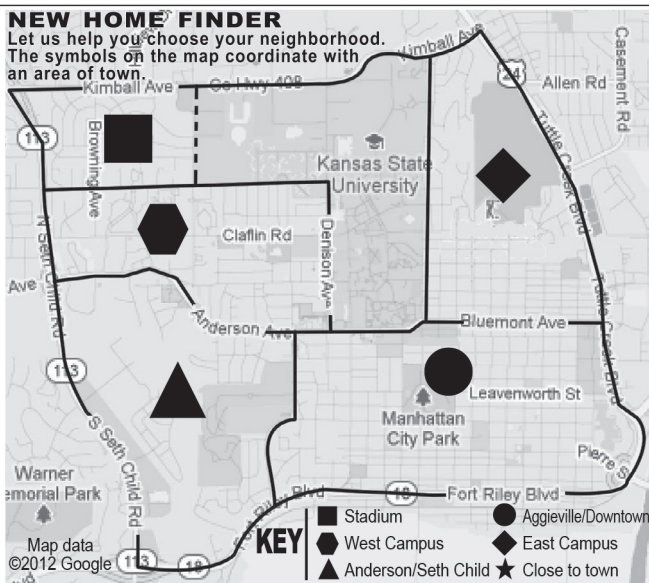
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**Conceptis Sudoku** By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Answer to the last Sudoku.

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7	1	4	2	6	8	3	9	5
9	5	2	3	7	1	8	4	6
5	2	9	4	3	6	7	8	1
3	7	1	8	2	5	4	6	9
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THE COLLEGIAN

As a college student, you may love to swipe, swipe and oops ... clear out your bank account. Some may have learned how painful that “card denied” can be the hard way.

The following tips and tricks will help you avoid this situation ... or at least help you get out of it.

**Sell old clothes**

Start by going through your clothes and sorting them into what you do and don't wear. Whether it is T-shirts, jeans or shoes that you don't wear or don't fit into anymore, sell them. Websites like eBay and Poshmark make selling clothes easy. Besides, it gets them out of your way and puts some easy money in your wallet.

There are also secondhand shops. Manhattan's Rockstar & Rogers, located at 318 Poyntz Ave., buys gently used items.

**Grocery shop**

Before you go grocery shopping, write out a list of everything you need and stick to it. The term for deviating from your plan is called “impulse buying” and stores design displays for just that. If you see something that you forgot to write down, simply write it on next week's list.

“It's so easy to throw random things you think you need in your shopping cart,” Chase Miniham, senior in animal sciences and industry, said. “Sticking to my grocery list has helped me avoid spending money that I don't need to spend.”

**Keep loose change**

Another way to save is the \$5-bill trick. Find a jar to designate as your ‘\$5-bill jar’ and, whenever you receive a \$5 bill, put it in the jar. When it's filled, deposit all of the saved cash in your bank account.

“I found this tip on Pinterest and it really works,” Mary Kline, junior in animal sciences and in-



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One easy way to save money is to brew your own coffee.

dustry, said. “It amazes me how fast that jar can fill up.”

Another alternative would be a change jar. Saving quarters can add up faster than you think. You can take your full coin jar to a local bank to exchange it for cash.

**Brew at home**

For many college students, coffee is a requirement to function throughout the day. However, if you are trying to save money, Starbucks is probably not the best choice financially.

“When I started making my own coffee at home, I realized how much money I was saving,” Shane Schaaake, junior in animal sciences and industry, said. “In

addition to not buying coffee at the gas station anymore, I was not buying extra snacks that I saw. A few bucks here and there really add up.”

**Dine in**

Instead of going to a restaurant, whether it's five-star or fast food, try to eat at home. Or at least try to limit yourself to going out to eat once a week. Not only does it cut your costs, but it also makes you appreciate the service when you do.

Even those runs to Sonic's happy hour add up fast.

With these tips, you will be on your way to having more money in your bank account.

**VOTING | New voting law gets mixed reviews from public**

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However for other students, the hassle was worth the right to vote. Caelan Blair, freshman in pre-professional secondary education, said even though she had to go to two different towns to get all of her paperwork finished, the privilege of voting wasn't one she was willing to give up on.

“Every aspect of people's lives are affected by the decisions made at all levels of government, from local to state to national,” Blair said. “Students should be concerned about the funding for their college and their student financial aid, at least. It is important to become

an active voter member when you are young so that you can have a say in the type of world your family will grow up in.”

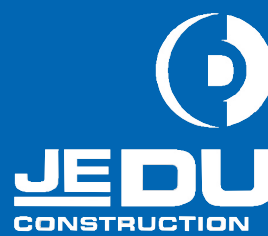
Schodorf proposed that the responsibility of checking driver's licenses for legality be moved back on the state, instead of requiring voters to present their birth certificate. Voter registration is mandated under the secretary of state and, if elected, Schodorf said she hopes to see the new rules repealed and the state take responsibility for ensuring legal and honest elections.

“The current secretary of state (Kris Kobach) is trying to suppress voters and young people are discouraged,” Schodorf

said. “I'm trying to encourage young people, college students, to make the commitment to get out and become lifelong voters.”

While the new law does put voters responsible for ensuring legal elections and keeping their documentation, not everyone thinks that is a problem.

“I am pleased with his work in ensuring that we have all legal voters in the state and ensuring that we have an honest election,” Blair said. “It is never okay to break the law, it defeats the purpose of all we are founded on. Kobach made the right decision in cleaning up the Kansas voter registration.”

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